

Recruitment Interviews

Interview 1 “Meaningful Work”

Donald Walker, DWR Civil Engineer

I enjoy the work at DWR. It's a lot more meaningful because it affects the water resources of the state; it affects a lot of people - 20 to 25 million. It's just huge. And not only the water, but also the power we use to move the water. Everything we do is a huge impact to the state and the people that live here everyday.

Interview 2 “Enjoy, Enjoy, Enjoy”

Dawn Remme, DWR Mechanical Engineer

I enjoy working for DWR. I enjoy the scope of The State Water Project, the huge variety of work, the people that I work with, the management style. I enjoy my job.

Interview 3 “Fun Work”

Timothy Wehling, Civil Engineer

At DWR it's very fast pace and actually fun to be an engineer. We do all kinds of work from responding to emergencies and disasters to designing new facilities and even seismically upgrading existing facilities.

Interview 4 “Better Work Experience”

Anna Ortiz, DWR Civil Engineer

At DWR you're exposed to a lot more challenging work than in the private sector. You have the opportunity to work on larger scale projects and you gain a lot more design experience than the private sector I believe.

Interview 5 “Get a Career not Just a Job”

Jimmy Yang, DWR Mechanical Engineer

Being a father of three kids, the work environment is relaxing it's been great for my blood pressure compared to working in private – less stress. The stress is still there but you create it for yourself. The work loads there.

I remember when I first came on board here walking down the hallway I'd always see these signs for “so-and-so is retiring after 25 years of service,” – “after 30 years of service.” I had an office mate who retired after 41 years of service. People stick around because it's a good place to work. There are interesting projects, and I think it's a good cause. I think we're doing the right thing.

Interview 6 “Massive Complex Project Anyone?”

Robert Moore, DWR Electrical Engineer

There are very few projects as large as the State Water Project. And the complexity the conveyance system of water systems, large sequence motors, and generators are what attracted me to DWR.

Interview 7 “Use Your Degree”

Paul Strusinski, DWR Civil Engineer

DWR is a pretty interesting experience as a civil engineer because we have a lot of existing facilities that need upgrades, need modifications. And we also augment facilities by designing new facilities. It makes it pretty interesting because we have a wide variety of structures that I generally work on - hydraulic structures, earth structures, concrete and steel structures that allows me, and people in my unit to work in the areas that we studied in school.

Interview 8 “Explore Your Abilities”

Damon Grimes, DWR Electrical Engineer

One of the benefits for working at DWR for a new graduate is sometimes when you get out of school you think you might want to be working in one aspect of engineering and you find out later that really isn't where you wanted to be. And being that the scope of work at DWR is so great, it gives you an opportunity to explore all those elements of electrical engineering, your education, and focus yourself on what you really enjoy. There's something in it for everybody.

“Experience for Students”

Three Students working at DWR

I would definitely recommend getting a job at DWR. Whether you're a freshman, a sophomore, or even as a senior, it benefits you in different ways, but it really just helps you to understand how to work in a professional environment.

By working at DWR I got to work on a design project over the summer. I basically got to start from the beginning of a project and go to the end. I designed an anchoring system which was an ADA fish dock.

In the summer, I had a chance to out to do inspections on pipelines with one of the engineers in Tracy and in Ontario.

Working at DWR really helps you for your career and your future after college - as opposed to working at a restaurant or retail store, which is temporary, “for the moment” jobs.

Classes help you out in what you do but the experience at DWR really gets you ready for a job in the future.

Usually I have classes in the morning and then I come after class and work in the afternoon and then on Fridays I work full-time because I don't have class.

You work more with people that you'll probably have to deal with later - and in a good way. A lot of them offer you advice and take the time to sit you down to talk to you about school and their experiences. You also get to network with people from your field.

Working at DWR , with the work experience you get here only helps with finding a job in the future.

Send in your cover letter and a résumé and if they're interested they'll contact you, then set up an interview, and if they see your potential you'll get hired.